

**DEFENDS POSITION**

**Poultney Bigelow Answers Taft's Attack on Him.**

**HE REITERATES HIS CHARGES**

**States That City of Colon Today is Mainly a Swamp—No Water Fit to Drink and the Sanitary Condition is Deplorable.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Poultney Bigelow, for whose presence before the Senate Committee on interoceanic canals, a subpoena was issued yesterday, has a signed letter on "Panama" in today's Times. The communication is part follows:

"Two things are notable to him who reads the signs of the times. "No German historian touches modern Hohenzollern history. "No American engineer of standing can be identified with the Panama Canal. "This is monetary only—we are happy to believe. "My own purpose in going to Panama was to look at the conditions under which the negro laborers were compelled to live. "My charges against our administration are those which any independent observer would have made under analogous conditions and with analogous experience of the negro in tropical countries. "These charges made Taft does not meet. "I have made several broad charges, and I authorize the trustees of the Boston University to withhold my salary for the coming year if these charges are not substantially true. "To determine this question it is absurd to call in as witnesses men who have political axes to grind. I am willing to abide by the brief yes or no of anyone with respectable standing among average men of clean business record. It will cost no more to send such a man to Panama, than to print

pamphlets denouncing those who criticize the canal commission. "Colon today is mainly a swamp, into which is dumped all the human excrement of the negro population and where this population is compelled to sleep. There is no water at Colon save this swamp water and what can be collected by the dripping from the roofs of the shanties. The sanitary inspection of Colon is a shame. The negroes are leaving in large numbers, by reason of legitimate grievance which is a matter of common knowledge. "Mr. Taft can hire hundreds of politicians to call me offensive names, but until he procures a respectable engineer or man of business to endorse the present state of administration on the canal zone, no amount of government printing will afford him any real comfort."

**WOMEN'S SYMPATHY.**

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**EXERT NO PRESSURE.**

**Germany Says She Will Treat Fair With France.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—A cable dispatch to the Herald from Berlin says: Before Prince Duelow left here for Rome last night he authorized the following statement: "Neither his majesty, the Kaiser, or anybody else in Germany dreams of exercising the slightest pressure upon France at the expense of French national dignity at the conference, where there would be neither conquerors nor conquered. "Germany stands for equal opportunity in the trade of Morocco, the 'open door' for all nations alike, and if this principle be accepted by others I expect the conference will have a successful issue. Germany seeks no advantages which are not to be shared by all alike."

**DR. TONG TALKS.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Dr. Tong, special representative of the Chinese government for the investigation of commerce, declared last night at the Men's League Club dinner that the Chinese boycott of American goods rose from the Chinese exclusion act and showed that the Chinese people were determined to assert their dignity as a nation. He also assailed the laboring classes for its opposition to a reform of the anti-Chinese laws, and declared that they were kept in force simply because our representatives feared for their seats in Congress. "How much longer," he asked "are the American people to allow themselves to be dictated to by the laboring element?" Dr. Tong paid a high tribute to the American missionaries, but said the United States did not always send out the best men. **Greatly in Demand.** Nothing is more in demand than a medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At Chas. Rogers, drug store, 25c, guaranteed.

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